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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Joseph "Jay" Dowsett of Silvis, who passed away on November 26, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Jay Dowsett was born in Marshall, Missouri on September 2, 1930 to William and Grace Meyer Dowsett; he served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict; he married Diane Schmidt on December 26, 1953 in Moline; he later married Velma Ford on November 27, 1976 in Davenport, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, Jay Dowsett enjoyed woodworking and was a lifetime St. Louis Cardinals fan; and

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WHEREAS, Jay Dowsett was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Velma; his brother, Bill; his sisters, Margaret and Betty; and his son-in-law, James Merrill; and

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WHEREAS, Jay Dowsett is survived by his children, Julie (Herb) Durnell, Gail Merrill, Cathy (Jim) Reynertson, and John (Sally) Dowsett; his 9 grandchildren; his 15 great-grandchildren; and his stepdaughters, Barbara Ford and Theresa (Marty) Hancock; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Joseph "Jay" Dowsett, and extend our sincere condolences to his
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Jay Dowsett as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.